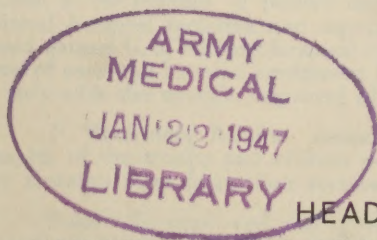


Military Government

Weekly Health Report

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER
OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT (U.S. ZONE)
PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH

1. Occupied Germany:

A. Communicable Diseases: Attached as Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are communicable disease reports of case and death rates by Regierungsbezirk, case rates by Regierungsbezirk, and cases and deaths and case rates by Land respectively for the week ending 12 January 1946.

B. Venereal Disease: For the third consecutive week there has been a decrease in the number of reported new cases of syphilis and gonorrhea. This reduction in the number of cases in contrary to the anticipated upward trend because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The incidence of diphtheria also continues to decrease in most Regierungsbezirke. The rate for the U. S. Zone has likewise decreased considerably in comparison with the last week.

Scabies, the most prevalent of the communicable diseases, continues to show a sharp increase among both German civilians and military personnel. Efforts are being increased to stimulate the German authorities to control the disease.

Tuberculosis and typhoid fever continue to show a decrease over the last few weeks. No increase in influenza has been noted.

For the first time during the Occupation, all major communicable diseases have shown a downward trend in numbers of reported cases for three consecutive weeks. It is believed to be due to German immunization programs and increased sanitary measures as well as isolation and treatment programs as directed by Military Government.

C. Nursing Affairs: The executive secretary of the International Council of Nurses has spent the week conferring with the Nurse Consultant for the Public Health Branch, United States Zone, on the nursing program in the Zone.

D. Nutrition: The general population continues to supplement food consumption in excess of the prescribed ration scale of 1550 calories, resulting in maintenance of or very slight loss of body weight.

Sixteen of 22 Civilian Internee Centers had been initially observed for general evidence of the status of the nutrition of inmates, with a report in prospect before 4 February 1946 for the remaining six. Only three of the 16 observed approximate the prescribed scale of 1700 calories. No reports have been received as to rations provided and weights of inmates, but weekly data will be available within a week or so.

Approval was given for the establishment of a laboratory at Höchst for obtaining data to substantiate that available through the activities of field survey teams and street weighing. A rapid micromethod of analysis will be used for initial determination of the vitamin A and C content in the blood.

E. Hospitals: The civilian hospital bed status has eased slightly due to the reduction in the number of patient days required for VD treatment and by obtaining additional hospital facilities and equipment from the release of POW hospitals from released excess U. S. Military hospital equipment and by making available an operational reserve of essential hospital equipment from excess Army stocks. The latter can be released only with the specific approval of the Chief, Public Health and Welfare, OMGUS.

F. Veterinary Affairs: Included as part of the Public Health Policy to protect the health of the troops and civilian population is the program for the reestablishment of the German meat inspection service.

Politically approved and professionally qualified German veterinarians have been and are being appointed as officials to again supervise this service. To supplement the veterinary supervision and inspection, lay inspectors are being selected and given training and schooling in the technic, and the types of examinations required by law and the pertinent regulations and ordinances. These schools are located throughout the U. S. Zone. The candidates must attend for six weeks and then be passed by a board before they are appointed as official lay meat inspectors.

APPENDIX "A" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 12 January 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																			c: cases	d: deaths						
			Typhus Louse-borne Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever			Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza
Greater Hessen	3,489,684	c 2	—	—	—	—	—	264	38	69	13	33	3	262	54	24	4	1	—	—	12	518	—	—	—	—	43	*	*
Baden Württemberg	2,979,897	p 1	—	—	—	—	—	275	49	85	7	28	3	186	47	30	4	5	—	—	*	184	—	—	—	—	—	14	*
Bavaria	8,258,476	c 2	—	1	—	—	—	364	102	238	22	25	4	2	675	172	91	2	6	1	—	8	1363	—	—	—	46	—	1
Bremen Port Command	460,019	p 1	—	—	—	—	—	80	14	10	1	*	—	—	196	47	10	—	—	—	—	*	62	—	—	—	8	*	*
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p 7	—	—	—	—	—	150	23	58	7	*	—	—	211	35	40	4	18	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hessen	3,489,684	0.30	—	—	—	—	39.34	5.66	10.28	1.94	4.92	0.45	—	39.04	8.05	3.58	0.60	0.15	—	—	1.79	77.18	—	—	—	6.41	*	*
	2,979,897	0.18	—	—	—	—	48.13	8.58	14.88	1.23	4.90	0.53	0.88	32.55	8.23	5.25	0.70	0.88	—	—	*	32.20	—	—	—	—	2.45	*
Baden Württemberg	8,258,476	0.13	—	0.06	—	—	22.93	6.43	14.99	1.39	1.58	0.25	0.13	42.53	10.90	5.73	0.13	0.38	0.06	—	0.50	85.87	—	0.06	—	2.90	—	0.06
	460,019	—	—	—	—	—	90.40	15.82	11.30	1.13	*	—	—	221.48	54.24	11.30	—	—	—	—	*	70.06	—	—	—	9.04	*	*
Bremen Port Command	931,965	3.91	—	—	—	—	83.70	12.83	52.36	3.91	*	—	—	117.74	19.53	22.32	2.23	10.04	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
Berlin (US Sector)																												

* No data submitted

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 12 January 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Typhus Fever Louise borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps	
Kassel	1,090,205	0.95	—	—	—	—	—	42.45	4.29	19.56	5.25	4.77	0.48	—	82.52	17.17	6.20	0.48	—	—	—	*	72.50	—	—	—	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.18	4.36	5.15	—	3.96	0.40	—	16.63	3.96	2.77	0.40	0.40	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*x	
Hessen	1,085,494	—	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	8.62	7.19	0.96	6.23	0.48	—	22.51	3.83	1.92	0.96	—	—	—	5.75	175.31	—	—	20.60	*	*	
Württemberg	1,903,157	0.27	—	—	—	—	—	37.13	9.28	14.74	1.37	6.55	0.55	0.55	50.78	12.83	4.64	1.09	1.37	—	—	*	50.23	—	—	—	—	3.82	*
Baden	1,076,740	—	—	—	—	—	—	67.14	7.25	14.97	0.97	1.93	0.48	1.45	*	*	6.28	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	
Schwaben	1,065,143	0.49	—	—	—	—	—	16.10	4.88	12.69	1.46	*	0.49	—	39.04	8.30	3.90	—	1.46	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	
Oberbayern	2,056,301	0.25	—	—	—	—	—	26.82	5.31	20.49	1.52	2.02	0.25	0.51	49.08	11.39	0.76	—	—	—	*	14.17	—	—	—	3.54	*	*	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.05	4.83	15.75	1.27	1.52	—	—	34.04	4.83	8.38	—	0.25	—	—	*	225.04	—	0.25	—	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.21	11.09	9.40	1.45	0.72	0.48	—	59.53	19.04	10.60	0.24	0.24	—	0.48	67.00	—	—	—	1.21	—	—	0.24
Mainfranken	931,638	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.60	3.35	16.74	1.12	4.46	—	—	11.16	6.70	1.67	0.56	0.56	0.56	3.35	79.79	—	—	—	15.07	—	—	x
Bremen	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	90.40	15.82	11.30	1.13	*	—	—	22.48	54.24	11.30	—	—	—	*	70.06	—	—	—	9.04	*	*	*x
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	3.91	—	—	—	—	—	83.70	12.83	52.36	3.91	*	—	—	117.74	19.53	22.32	2.23	10.04	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
TOTAL*	15,660,022	0.40	—	—	—	—	—	34.75	7.00	14.85	1.62	2.84	0.33	0.23	44.02	10.16	6.11	0.46	0.99	0.03	—	0.66	68.15	—	0.03	—	3.20	0.46	0.03

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+Bremen included in report from British Zone - not included in the totals on this report.

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Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 12 Jan. 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: cases	d: deaths				
		Cases, Deaths																											
		Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies			Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Kassel	1,090,205	c 2	—	—	—	—	89 4	9 —	41 17	11 4	10 —	1 —	173 —	36 —	13 3	1 —	—	—	—	—	*	152	—	—	—	*	*	*	
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	c —	—	—	—	—	56 7	11 —	13 8	—	10 —	1 —	42 —	10 —	7 1	1 —	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	
Hessen	1,085,494	c —	—	—	—	—	119	18	15	2	13	1	47	8	4	2	—	—	—	—	12	366	—	—	43	*	*	*	
Württemberg	1,903,157	c 1	—	—	—	—	136 9	34 —	54 30	5 6	24 —	2	186	47	17	4	5	—	—	—	*	184	—	—	—	—	14	*	*
Baden	1,076,740	c 1	—	—	—	—	139	15	31	2	4	1	3	*	*	13	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Schwaben	1,065,143	c 1	—	—	—	—	33 6	10 —	26 11	3 —	*	1	—	80	17	8	—	3	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Oberbayern	2,056,301	c 1	—	1	—	—	106 1	21 —	81 9	6 —	8 —	1	2	194	45	3	—	—	—	—	*	56	—	—	—	14	*	*	*
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	c —	—	—	—	—	75 6	19 —	62 17	5 —	6 —	—	134	19	33	—	1	—	—	—	*	886	—	—	1	*	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	c —	—	—	—	—	88 3	46 1	39 5	6 9	3 —	2	247	79	44	1	1	—	—	—	2	278	—	—	5	1	—	—	1
Mainfranken	931,638	c —	—	—	—	—	62 2	6 —	30 2	2 1	8 —	—	20	12	3	1	1	1	1	—	6	143	—	—	27	—	—	x	x
Bremen Port Command	°	c —	—	—	—	—	80 2	14 —	10 7	1 —	*	—	196	47	10	—	—	—	—	—	*	62	—	—	—	8	*	*	*
Berlin (Am Sector)	931,965	c 7	—	—	—	—	150 8	23 —	58 48	7 —	*	—	211	35	40	4	18	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,660,022°	c 12 2	—	1	—	—	1053 49	212 1	450 160	49 21	86 —	10 2	1334	308	185	14	30	1	1	—	20	2065	—	—	1	97	14	1	—

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